

**Notice—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Actions and Policies of Certain Members of the Government of Belarus and Other Persons Undermining Democratic Processes or Institutions in Belarus**

June 6, 2008

On June 16, 2006, by Executive Order 13405, I declared a national emergency and ordered related measures blocking the property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706). I took this action to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons that have undermined democratic processes or institutions; committed human rights abuses related to political repression, including detentions and disappearances; and engaged in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Belarusian public assets or by misusing public authority.

Because these actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, the national emergency declared on June 16, 2006, and the measures adopted on that date to deal with that emergency, must continue in effect beyond June 16, 2008. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
June 6, 2008.

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NOTE: This notice will be published in the *Federal Register* on June 10.

**Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Actions and Policies of Certain Members of the Government of Belarus and Other Persons Undermining Democratic Processes or Institutions in Belarus**

June 6, 2008

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus are to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2008.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. These actions include undermining democratic processes or institutions; committing human rights abuses related to political repression, including detentions and disappearances; and engaging in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Belarusian public assets or by misusing public authority. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
June 6, 2008.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### ***May 31***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Greenville, SC, where, upon arrival in the evening, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Andrew Barnhill.

Later in the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

### ***June 2***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he chaired a National Security Council meeting on Iraq, in which he was briefed by Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq, via video teleconference.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth L. Peel to be U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory G. Garre to be Solicitor General at the Department of Justice and designate him as Acting Solicitor General at the Department of Justice.

### ***June 3***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with Iraqi Shi'a and Sunni tribal leaders.

### ***June 4***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President met with Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates to dis-

cuss personnel changes at the Department of the Air Force.

### ***June 5***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Rose Garden, he participated in a photo opportunity with the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup champion Houston Dynamo.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Franklin Jeffrey to be Ambassador to Turkey.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on Disability: Marylyn Andrea Howe; Heather McCallum; Lonnie C. Moore; and Christina Alvarado Shanahan.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation: John O. Agwunobi; Julius E. Coles; Morgan W. Davis; and John W. Leslie.

The President announced his intention to appoint Wayne B. Paugh as Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced that he has named Thomas P. Bossert as Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security.

The President announced that he has named Pete Patterson as Associate Counsel to the President.

### ***June 6***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt of Sweden to wish him a happy National Day of Sweden and thank him for hosting the first International Compact with Iraq Annual Review Conference in Stockholm. Later, he participated in separate interviews with POP TV of Slovenia, Rai TV of Italy, and France 3 TV.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.